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## HANUKKAH—AN INTERPRETATION

THE rebellion of the Maccabees against the tyrant Antiochus Epiphanes was the turning point in the life of Israel and from our present-day perspective twenty-two hundred years later, it was a turning point in the spiritual life of the human race. Had not Mattathias and his hardy band of the faithful made a stand against the King's emissaries, Judaism and the Jewish people would have been overwhelmed. Christianity and Islam, both derived from the parent faith, Judaism, both instrumental in spreading the knowledge of God in the world, would have remained unborn in the womb of time. The festival of Hanukkah, commemorating the deeds of the Maccabees is in this greater sense, the festival of the human spirit.

The heroism and extraordinary strategic skill of the Maccabees brought them wondrous success in the battlefield. But this alone is not the great triumph we celebrate at this Festival of Lights. It is the occasion when we recall the unswerving loyalty of the Maccabees and their followers to God and to the faith of their fathers even unto martyrdom. At the moment the Hasmoneans raised the standard of rebellion against the King's officers, at that moment Judaism triumphed over Antiochus and his mighty hordes. The later military successes were incidental to this victory. The Synagogue, therefore, associates with the festival of Hanakkuh the words of the prophet Zachariah: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

These words mean that in the ultimate sense a people does not prevail by reason of its victories on the battlefield but by reason of the spirit of God that informs

them. In the chronicles of oppression that make up such a great part of the history of the Jewish people, there have been rebellions against tyrants that have

failed. But the spirit of God that inspired them to resist and rebel brought them ultimately triumph. The oppressors with their proud victories have disappeared; the people sustained by faith have prevailed.

BENJAMIN KREITMAN.

## DANIEL PERSKY

LOVERS and students of the Hebrew language and literature, not only in America, but throughout the world, are commemorating the 70th birthday of one of the most devoted Hebraists of our day, Daniel Persky. He is and has been throughout his life a faithful servant of the Hebrew cause. As a teacher, he has infused into the hearts of hundreds of young men and women a great love for Hebrew culture. His weekly feuilleton, which has graced the pages of the *Hadoar* for many years, has brought joy and delight to all its readers. His several

volumes have greatly enriched our Hebrew literature and have won the acclaim of all Hebrew literary critics. At seventy, he still displays the vigor, the enthusiasm and, above all, the optimism of his youth. We join all the Hebraists in extending to Mr. Persky our sincere congratulations and our very best wishes that he may be blessed with health and strength to continue to enrich the Hebrew language and literature for many, many years to come.

I. H. L.

## CENTER HONORED FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

AT THE recently held biennial convention of the United Synagogue, the Brooklyn Jewish Center was recognized for its outstanding work in the area of Youth activities through a special award named after the founder of the United Synagogue, Solomon Schechter. We at the Center have always been cognizant of the major importance of youth club work in the program structure of a Synagogue Center. Despite difficulties that seemed at first insurmountable, our youth activities program has grown in the last five years both in quality and in numbers enrolled to the point where it now serves as a model for other Synagogue Centers. Major credit for this achievement is due to the chairman of

the Center's Youth Activities Committee, Mr. Irvin I. Rubin, the members of his committee, and to the professional director of this program, Mr. Hyman Brickman. To them all we give a hearty *Yeyasher Koach*. We are certain that this recognition and honor will spur them onwards to an even higher goal. —B. K.

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# "JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES"

"בנינו לבין עצמנו"

## An Intimate Chat Between Rabbi and Reader

### A GREAT TASK BEFORE US

I HAVE often referred to the interesting fact that on Hanukkah we Jews are bidden to recite, during the morning prayer-service, the *Hallel*, the special psalms of praise and thanksgiving. We have, as the reader undoubtedly knows, another festival, Purim, which also commemorates our deliverance from a wicked enemy who wanted to destroy us. And yet, on that festival of Purim the *Hallel* is not included in the prayer-service. The festival is celebrated with a feast, a *seudab*, but not with the *Hallel*. The question naturally arises, why this distinction? The Rabbis in the Talmud also pose this question and offer various answers.

It seems to me that the answer is a simple one, once we understand the significance of the events which each of these festivals commemorate. Haman, the villain of the Purim story, wanted to destroy the Jews — all Jews — whether they were faithful to their religion or not. It was not just the religion of the Jew that he wanted to crush, but "to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day." The attack was on the *goof*, the body of the Jewish people.

The attack of Antiochus and his Graeco-Syrian forces was not directed against the people of Israel, but against the *religion* of Israel. On the contrary, Antiochus offered the Jew many rewards and advantages if he would but forsake his God and bow down to the Greek gods. His attack was directed against the soul of the Jew not against his *goof*, his body.

The victory of Purim is the victory of the body of the Jew; the victory of Hanukkah is the triumph of his spirit — his religion. Only a victory of spiritual ideals is worthy to be commemorated in spiritual fashion — the recitation of the psalms which glorify the ideals of God. A physical victory — a victory of the body — can only be commemorated in

a physical manner — the partaking of a feast, such as the Purim *seudab*.

Throughout the many centuries of the Jewish dispersion, the body of the Jew was often broken and crippled. But our enemies never succeeded in crushing his soul. His spirit remained triumphant. It was the spirit of Hanukkah and the Hanukkah victory, which life symbolized.

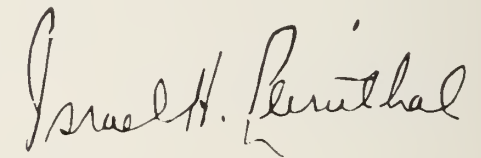
Today, and especially here in America, the body of the Jew is safe from attack. Thank God, no Haman is here to attempt to destroy our people. But, alas, that cannot be said of the soul of the Jew. Not that we face an Antiochus bent on destroying our religion, but we ourselves often permit the Jewish soul to languish and thus to endanger its future. We can celebrate here Purim — and we do with feasting. But can we truly celebrate

Hanukkah and chant the *Hallel*, to signify the victory of the Jewish soul?

In the re-born State of Israel the body of the Jew has not found rest, and despite the hatred of his Arab neighbors, his body is safe and the Jew stands unafraid. Fortunately, the Jewish soul in Israel is also being reborn, and the Jew there can truthfully say with the Psalmist: "Return, O my soul, unto thy rest!"

It is for us Jews in America now to dedicate ourselves to the great task of revivifying the Jewish soul, to do all in our power to make our religion a vital influence in our daily lives, to bring God into our lives and into the lives of our children.

Let us have reason not only to commemorate Purim with feasting, but to celebrate a joyous Hanukkah in singing the Psalms of the *Hallel*, proclaiming to all the world: "I shall not die, but I shall live and declare the works of the Lord!"



### A "HANDBOOK OF DIPLOMATIC HEBREW"

EFFORTS of Israeli and American diplomats to speak the same language have been facilitated by an official of the U. S. Library of Congress. Diplomatic wording is obscure enough without the confusion of translation. So to help bring Israel and America closer together in mutual understanding, Dr. Lawrence Marwick envisaged a handbook that would define new Israeli terms and abbreviations.

For instance, no existing Hebrew dictionary defines "Memisrael." But Dr. Marwick's new handbook explains that "Memisrael" is an abbreviation for "Memshalat Israel" or "the Government of Israel."

American diplomats have wondered about the meaning of the frequently-used Israeli term "M.H." The Marwick handbook explains that "M.H." is an abbreviation of "Misrad Hachutz," meaning "Office of Foreign Affairs."

The new "Handbook of Diplomatic Hebrew" reflects recent developments and coinages arising in the world of

diplomacy and politics. It includes jargon and even terminology introduced by the rocket age of science. The Atara Book Co. of Washington, D. C., the handbook's distributor, noted a demand indicating extensive interest by non-Jews in modern Hebrew. Many copies have been ordered by U. S. Government agencies, leading universities, and religious seminaries of various faiths.

Dr. Marwick is chief of the Congressional Library's Hebraic Section. The need for the handbook became apparent in the course of Dr. Marwick's daily work. He received frequent requests for information from government agencies and translators. Scholars throughout the nation found existing dictionaries inadequate and sought aid.

A study of new Hebrew words showed that immigration, rescue of refugees, economic planning, border security, and defense are intimately linked with Israeli foreign policy. Their vocabularies are part and parcel of diplomatic Hebrew.



# Israel's Druzes

By ARYEH NEWMAN

THE Israel Government has recently published a regulation granting recognition to the 20,000 Druze Arab minority as a separate religious community, with their own internal courts and Court of Appeal. This brings to 12 the number of religious communities recognized in Israel since the days of Ottoman rule, the others being Jews, Moslems and nine separate Christian sects. Each of these is authorized to deal with its own internal matters, chiefly personal status, the administration of religious trust funds and holy places.

This act of the Israel Government may not seem very significant to the outsider who is not acquainted with the almost thousand year history of the Druze and their continuous struggle to preserve their distinctive way of life. It has fallen to the lot of the most persecuted minority to be the first to recognize the Druze claims for complete religious self determination which successive Moslem and Christian authorities in the Holy Land failed to grant.

As Israel's President Itzhak Ben Zvi, an expert on the Druze and staunch supporter of their aspirations, is never tired of explaining, there are many points of contact between the history and character of the Jewish people and the Druze. Both are minorities in which religious and national elements are co-extensive. Both have been subject to persecutions and attempts at destruction by the dominant majority.

The Israel Druze, together with their co-religionists in Lebanon and Syria, number some 180,000. Their origins are shrouded in obscurity; their religion is a mystic offshoot of the Moslem faith, founded by one of the Fatimid rulers of Egypt in the 11th century called Hakim and his religious advisor Mohammed ad Druzi. Curiously enough, the first mention of the Druze is by the famous Jewish traveller, Benjamin of Tudela, who re-



*Druze Chieftains Attending a Religious Ceremony*

ported that "near to the inhabitants of Sidonia is a tribe which fights the Sidonians called Druzians. They are pagan and have no religion whatever . . . They like the Jews." Benjamin described their curious theories of reincarnation, but suprisingly enough, little has been added to this scanty information. The Druze religion is an esoteric one and its practices and sacred writings are only known to the inner circle of initiates who qualify for such status by abstinence and evidence of probity in their daily life.

The Druze religion indeed bears the imprint of the many cultures with which they came in contact. The basic Moslem background is colored by practices and beliefs reminiscent of Persian, Christian and Jewish origin. One of the reasons for the survival of this tiny sect in the midst of a hostile setting, may have been its extraordinary ability to adapt itself to different conditions and what may seem an almost hypocritical willingness to compromise outwardly with their conquerors in matters of faith. The Druze usually conformed outwardly to whatever religious creed happened to be

dominant. To this day, the Koran will take pride of place in any public sessions of their notables. Only in their internal meetings are their own sacred writings brought forward.

Though the Israel section of the community is numerically the smallest, it is the most important spiritually. The holy places of the Druze religion are centered in Israel. Their most sacred shrine is the grave of Jethro, the prophet (Moses' father in law), near Tiberias, and the anniversary of his death is the occasion of the Druze major commemoration of the year in April. Thousands of Druze make the pilgrimage to Jethro's tomb, and the event is reminiscent of the Jewish celebration, about the same period, of Lag Ba'Omer at the shrine of the Talmudic sage Shimon Bar Yohai. Indeed, the Druze venerate such Talmudic sages as Oshaya and they have points of contact with Jewish traditions in these matters.

The Druze differ from their Moslem neighbours in that they do not practice polygamy. It is significant that Jewish settlement in the Holy land through the



*A Druze Guarding An Israeli Border*

ages has only been maintained in villages where the Druze formed the dominant element. The ancient Jewish villages of Peki'n Shefar' Am Kafr Yasif are all Druze centres. Benjamin of Tudela's remark "They like the Jews" is borne out by such testimony.

This "liking" for the Jews took a more positive form in the latter days of the Butrah Mandate over Palestine when a combined Jewish-Druze group was formed to further the Zionist cause, and when the whole community threw in its lot with Israel during the War of Independence. The Druze, who are a fighting people, formed a special unit. Today they are equal and full-fledged members of the Israel Army and have their own representatives in the Knesset.

The Druze have fought in their mountain strongholds in Lebanon and Syria for 900 years against Christian and Moslem conquerors—Egyptians under Ibrahim Pasha, the Turks, the French, and as late as 1954, against the Syrian dictator Shishakly. In these countries their position is still threatened and they do not feel

part of a scene dominated by uncontrolled nationalism and intolerance. In contrast to this, the Israel Druze are, step by step, integrating into the Israel environment, and sources of friction are being progressively removed. Israel-Arab amity, in this context, is an example of what can be achieved when the situation is unbedevilled by oil politics, and the

provocation of extremist elements.

In its treatment of the Druze, Israel is living up to the spirit and letter of its own and the world's greatest spiritual treasure, the Bible which states (Exodus 23:9). "Ye shall not oppress the stranger within your gates. For you know the soul of a stranger for ye yourselves were strangers in the land of Egypt."

## Nahum Goldman Sees Increasing Hostility To Israel By Russia

**D**R. NAHUM GOLDMANN, president of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency, warned of mounting Soviet hostility towards Israel but expressed the belief that this hostility had not yet crystallized into the position that Israel must disappear from the Middle East scene. He voiced the conviction that Israel could and should take steps to secure relaxation of tension in the Middle East and to improve Soviet-Israel relations.

Dr. Goldmann confirmed reports that he had a series of talks with the Soviet Ambassador to Israel, at the envoy's initiative, concerning the situation of the Jews within the Soviet Union and a possible visit by him to Moscow to discuss it with Soviet officials. He said no decision had been received but that he would be ready to make the trip, as president of the World Jewish Congress, if he were assured of the possibility of high level talks. He said he was "not hopeful" of emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union in the near future but indicated such emigration might become a possibility if tension in the Middle East were reduced and Soviet hostility towards Israel abated.

The Jewish Agency head told a press conference here that "the East-West conflict in the Middle East has spurred tensions and has emboldened Arab extremists." He noted that the contest between the two great power blocs tended to make "tension and instability a permanent feature of the Middle East landscape" and said that while there was "apparently no immediate danger of armed conflict," the

situation remained "riddled with political and military dangers."

Dr. Goldman pointed out that the Arab-Israel conflict has been overshadowed by the "fierce competition" between the Eastern and Western blocs and stressed that "the Soviet Union has, in the past two years, established itself firmly in the area. There is very little chance that its footholds can be completely dislodged. The result is a fierce jockeying for position, with disastrous effects for the area generally and for Israel particularly.

During his recent visit to Israel, Dr. Goldmann said he had conferred with representatives of several of the political parties who had elicited his views on the situation and had emphasized his belief in the need for Israel to secure abatement of Soviet hostility. Among measures Israel could adopt in this direction, he said, might be support for an arms embargo for the Middle East.

The Jewish Agency chairman said that a six-month immigration quota of 25,000 had been adopted and provided for arrival of 12-15,000 Jews from Eastern Europe, 3-4,000 from Egypt and the remainder from other countries. Regularly arriving now are about 500 Jews monthly from Iran and 400 monthly from Tunisia. As far as Eastern Europe was concerned, Dr. Goldmann noted, there was "no quota" and as many immigrants would be taken from those countries as could leave. There was, also, "no quota for Jews from Egypt."



THE spectacular career of Joseph Barondess—the Russian Jewish immigrant youth who became in his generation Jewish New York's most popular labor leader as well as a truly dedicated Zionist, is without a precedent in the annals of American Jewish history.

Having come over from Kamenetz-Podolsk to New York City as a young revolutionary of 21, Barondess promptly became a militant labor leader, organized the Cloakmakers Union, and strangely enough also the Hebrew Actors Union, although he himself never played on the stage.

Everywhere Barondess was known as a likable man and tender-hearted, but for many years he showed little interest in Jewish matters until the horror of the Kishinev pogroms in Russia burst on the world in 1903. This massacre of Jews made him a gallant fighter for his fellow-Jews and an ardent Zionist advocate.

It was "in character" that Barondess should have affiliated himself with the General Zionists and particularly with the Order Sons of Zion, where he could stand out conspicuously, and *not* with the Poale Zion Party, which counted only several thousand members in those days and exerted little influence in labor circles. In actuality Barondess was neither a Socialist nor a theoretician, but a practical and flamboyant labor leader; and these qualities, or possibly faults, he carried along with him into the pattern of his Jewish leadership. It was a revelation to watch this huge, bluff man preside at conventions with so much gusto. How his booming voice reverberated throughout the hall as he thundered his denunciation of the enemies of the Jewish people!

It was to be expected that Barondess would be asked to head the New York City monster demonstration in protest against the pogroms. New York's church bells rang out in sympathy with the Jewish victims. A special fund was raised to buy weapons for the Jewish self-defense groups in the Russian ghettos. Grover Cleveland, a former President of the United States was the chief speaker at the protest meeting.

Because Barondess had so little schooling in his childhood in Russia, which was only meagrely supplemented by night courses at New York University (never

## *An Affectionate Portrait of a Communal Leader*

# REMEMBERING JOSEPH BARONDESS

By LEON SPITZ

completed), he cherished education, both Jewish and general. How immensely proud he was when in later years one New York Mayor appointed him and another Mayor reappointed him a Commissioner of the Board of Education. Always he took pains to see to it that fair treatment should be accorded to the teachers, and he demanded that women teachers should not be dismissed from their jobs when they got married, a practice in those days. Tirelessly he labored to establish more and more night schools for the throngs of immigrants who arrived in New York harbor almost daily. He combated legislation to bar the gates of America to the thousands of refugees who fled from lands of persecution and knocked at America's gates for a haven.

Born in Kamenetz Podolsk in 1867, Barondess attended *cheder* in his early boyhood and there studied some Hebrew, but in his old age he engaged a private tutor to teach him the Talmud. With this slight academic equipment he nevertheless became the president of an orthodox Talmud Torah in Brooklyn, and vice-president of the Herzlyiah Hebrew Academy, a Jewish Teachers College. Actually Barondess was a fervent "joiner," and associated himself with numerous, orphanages, hospitals, homes for the aged and similar institutions. Altogether — though he was far from being a rich man — he belonged to more than a hundred charitable organizations, certainly a fabulous number. Somehow and somewhere he dug up the money to give and give and give.

But he gave much more than his money. He gave his heart and his toil and his voice and his great prestige with the Jewish labor masses of his generation.

During the first World War, he threw himself with all his heart into the American Jewish Congress movement, taking a zealous place with Justice Louis D. Brandeis and the beloved Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. For decades he waged

almost single-handed a continuous and relentless battle against the anti-Zionist labor leaders in New York City. Eventually the masses of Jewish laborers rallied to him and backed him up magnificently.

He was forever on the go, travelling from city to city and gathering up huge sums of money wherewith to relieve the dire poverty of the Jews in Eastern Europe who had been made homeless by the war. He also raised very large sums for the Jewish homeland in Palestine.

In recognition of his distinguished leadership in Jewish life he was chosen to serve with Judge Julian W. Mack, Louis Marshall and Rabbi Wise as an American Jewish Congress delegate to the Committee of Jewish Delegations which represented the Jews of the world at the Peace Table in Versailles, over which President Woodrow Wilson presided.

To the day of his death at the age of 61, some 30 years ago in 1928, Barondess remained devoted to both the Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization.

Labor's Zionist interest has in the course of the years greatly changed much for the better. Only recently Walter Reuther toured Israel. An important institution has been established in Israel in honor of President Meany, of the Federation of American Labor. But a generation ago, Barondess was a "lone ranger" on the American Zionist labor scene. Samuel Gompers, the English-born Jew who was the lifelong President of the American Federation of Labor, evinced very little interest in Jewish affairs though he did speak out on one occasion in favor of a Jewish Palestine. Congressman Myer London, who represented New York's East Side in Washington, was a Socialist and not at all friendly to Zionism. Even Abraham

Cahan, editor of *The Jewish Forward*, was in those days neutral in regard to Palestine.

One of Barondess' personal pet projects was the Red Mogen David, which he helped establish in Palestine. This, he thought, was a more fitting mercy organization in a Jewish Palestine than a branch of the Red Cross would be.

Despite his unbelievably busy program Barondess found time to publish feature articles in a New York Yiddish daily newspaper, and always could be relied upon as a friend and patron of the Yiddish Theater. To watch a Yiddish show was actually the only pleasure he permitted himself to enjoy. When Sholem Aleichem settled in New York City, Barondess and he became inseparable companions. Barondess delighted to read his friend's stories and spoke of him as the Jewish Mark Twain.

Temperamentally Barondess was very much of a theatrical personality, and he was by no means unaware of it. It was this quality that made him the Joseph Barondess everyone loved—he endeared himself by his impulsive moods, his tempestuous outbursts, the kindly smile that reached out to the heart.

Justice Louis D. Brandeis, the "People's Lawyer," was his hero, and Dr. Stephen S. Wise he revered as his very own Rabbi. It is understandable that he was inordinately proud of the fact that he was consulted about the Balfour Declaration before it was finally promulgated, and he gloriously enjoyed a visit to Palestine. With almost childish pride he assisted in welcoming to America Byalik, Einstein, and Chaim Weizmann, and placed himself at their service. A forceful and witty speaker, he was in great demand at Zionist mass meetings, at Hebrew School dedications, at philanthropic gatherings. The labor masses never forgot that he had once been the fearless leader of an historic cloakmakers strike and that he had battled to secure higher wages for the Jewish needle workers. In the interest of securing peace and harmony in American Jewry, he even served on the wealthy and influential American Jewish Committee, of which his friend, Louis Marshall, the eminent lawyer, was then the President.

His enthusiasm for America may be characterized as prodigious. The follow-

ing story was once told by the late Dr. Nahum Syrkin, the philosopher of Labor Zionism, who was a fellow-passenger of Joseph Barondess enroute to Switzerland.



Joseph Barondess

Barondess complained about everything, the sleeping accommodations, the food, the service, the slow pace. How much better everything he said was in America! On the French train from Boulogne to Paris they shared a table with two others in the dining car. "There is one land in the world," Barondess declared exuberantly, his resonant voice rising in crescendo, "where there is friendship, fair play, justice for all, rich and poor, and a chance to work, to advance to the top and live in peace. An that is the grand and glorious U.S.A. God's own country!"

Towards the end of the meal, when the elder of the two strangers lighted a cigarette, Barondess, with a quick, impulsive gesture, produced a cigar and exclaimed enthusiastically, "Please let me give you something to smoke—an American cigar."

Later that afternoon, they learned that the stranger was Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War in President Wilson's Cabinet.

It is generally known that Israel Zangwill, the celebrated Anglo-Jewish

novelist, immortalized Imber, author of "Hatikvah," in his classic "Children of the Ghetto." Strangely enough, it was a gentile British novelist, Edward King—a star reporter on the now defunct *New York World*—who put Barondess into his book, "Joseph Zalmonah," issued in Boston in 1893, as his chief character. When he lived in New York City, King became acquainted with Barondess and frequently visited his home. It is both realistically and artistically right that Joseph Barondess should be pictured in this novel as an idealistic labor-leader who strove to abolish the squalid sweatshops and better the condition of the Jewish laborers in the needle-trade of New York's lower East-Side.

### Israel Anniversary Program

A GALA series of music and dance festivals, Armed Forces parades, exhibitions, international conferences, sports events and other festive celebrations will highlight Israel's observance of her tenth birthday, beginning on the eve of Memorial Day, April 22, 1958, and concluding on the eve of Memorial Day, May 11, 1959.

The chief aim of the program is to enable the entire population, veterans and new immigrants, villagers and city dwellers, to view the achievements of the State in the last ten years—achievements in which the people can take pride.

To ensure the participation of the whole nation, the country has been divided into four main districts, with offices in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beer-sheba. All the programs are being planned to show the country to the people and to facilitate their participation in the celebrations which have also been planned to attract tourists from every part of the world.

The six categories of the program are:

1. Exhibitions to show the economic, social and cultural progress of the State.
2. Local celebrations and performances in town and country.
3. Special programs in immigrant villages.
4. Traditional festivals.
5. International congresses. The first time in Israel.
6. Issuance of commemorative stamps and coins.



# THE SWEET SIXTEEN

By JACK LURIA

MY MOTHER had said no, and that should have been the end of the matter. My sister Rebecca knew as well as anyone that mother's no was like the great old elms in the park: It took a howling windstorm to shake them and a hurricane to knock one down. But my sister Rebecca—well, depending on whether she was with you or against you, she was either a girl of uncommon determination or the biggest pest in the world. Rebecca had decided that she was going to have a sweet sixteen party, and she was rash enough to pit her yes against my mother's no.

Our mother was devoutly religious and terribly old-fashioned, even in those old days when this happened. She thought it improper for boys and girls to go out unless they were engaged. Even then, it was good for an older person to go along with them. Teenage parties she distrusted altogether: the laughter that came through the doors where parties were going on had a pagan sound. Perhaps if my father were to share her burdens, my mother would have been less tight-lipped in her refusal when Rebecca began clamoring for a sweet sixteen. But why should a girl whose main ambition was to be like everyone else have understood this?

"Parties!" exclaimed my mother. "Thank God you have enough to eat." "I want some fun", retorted Rebecca.

"Fun is for little children."

"If I want to stay out until twelve o'clock, I'm a child. Now I'm suddenly grown up."

"Someday you'll be a mother. You'll know what it is to lie awake wondering where your daughter is."

"Every other girl on the block is having a sweet sixteen party. I'm having one too. With a cake and candles and plenty of boys."

Rebecca's birthday wasn't until August, but I remember that she began her campaign for the party right after the Jewish holiday of *Shavuoth*, which came in early June that year. We had a heat wave in the middle of the month. Through our wide-open windows came the tinny tinkle of the merry-go-round, the beat of truck horses' hooves and the cries of a rag man collecting a winter's heaping of junk, the smell of manure from a stable next door and of corn

cooking on a street vendor's cart. Above it all Rebecca's voice shrilled like a cicada, "I'll have my party! My sweet sixteen!" I was only ten at the time. Neither of us had had any attention given to our birthdays, and I couldn't understand the fuss my sister was kicking up all of a sudden.

For a whole month mother was immovable. A lifetime of trouble had bound her will in rock, so that she could withstand the importunities of a brash youngster. I remember that my usual rivalry with my sister gave way to pity for her: she had set her heart on a will o' the wisp, as unattainable as the dog and the roller skates for which I had pleaded for years in vain.

The night of the Fourth of July there were fireworks at the Brooklyn Navy Yard across the East River. Rebecca and her girl friend went to the waterfront park near our house to watch the shooting stars and rockets arching into the darkness. It was past midnight before they could tear themselves away.

My mother had been anxiously peering from the front room window into the street. When she caught sight of my sister, she went to the door and locked it. I was awakened from my sleep by the loud knocking that followed. Frightened, I ran into the kitchen. Mother was sitting there, her face pale and set. She meant to teach my sister the proper hour to come home at night.

My sister's knocking grew louder and more insistent. Then, all at once, it stopped. Mother listened for a few moments, and hastily opened the door. She had gone too far with her teaching the lesson. My sister had disappeared. For years I was haunted by the look of sudden despair in my mother's eyes as she looked into the emptiness of the hall. My mother's terror crept over me as I watched her throw a coat over her nightgown and go into the street to hunt for my sister.

I sat in the silent kitchen for an eternity then, rubbing the sleep out of

my eyes, but too fear-ridden to go to bed again. My mother came back at intervals to see if Rebecca had returned. Each time her face was drawn tighter with worry.

Towards morning my sister slunk through the door. While my mother had been scouring the park and the streets, Rebecca had gone up to the roof of our house and fallen asleep there. I expected mother to give my sister the bitter end of a length of clothesline she used on me when I got beyond her powers of her persuasion. Instead, the tension of the terrible hours of futile searching suddenly snapped, she caught Rebecca in her arms and sobbed uncontrollably.

It must have been the incident of that night which broke my mother's faith in her rigid puritanism. Out of the clear blue, one day mother asked her whether she still wanted a party. As Rebecca's eyes lit with eagerness, mother unexpectedly said, "Then you shall have it. Just as you want it."

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The sweet sixteen came at last, on a humid Saturday night. Rebecca stood smiling a welcome in her pink taffeta dress, her face rouged for the first time, a false beauty mark on her chin and a rose stuck in her hair.

Rebecca had vowed, "My party will knock them cockeyed." Red, white and blue bunting ran through the tiny rooms, and balloons bobbed from the ceilings. On a borrowed dining-room table in the kitchen stood a huge tub of lemonade ringed by heaps of salami sandwiches. Our player-piano kept up a steady stream of sound, alternating between "Rose of Washington Square" and "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles," the only song rolls which weren't hopelessly fouled.

To begin with, mother hovered about

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# NEWS OF THE CENTER

## Advance Notice

Next Friday, December 20, at our Late Friday Night Services, which begin at 8:30 o'clock, Rabbi Kreitman will speak on the subject "The Conflict of Judaism and Hellenism—A Hanukkah Message."

## THE HEBREW SCHOOL

**G**RADE Conferences were held from Tuesday, November 19 to Sunday, December 1. Parents visited the classrooms during regular instruction; at 5:30 they met with the teachers to discuss the course of study, the methods and objectives.

The Haggigat B'reshit was held on Saturday, November 23 in the Main Synagogue. Pupils of 2R2 and third grades gathered in the Synagogue and took part in the ceremony. They were introduced by Rabbi Lewittes. Rabbi Levinthal inducted the pupils and con-

ferred the traditional blessing upon them. A kiddush was served by the Sisterhood.

The annual Hanukkah entertainment will be held on Monday and Tuesday, December 23 and 24.

The second Community Breakfast took place on Sunday morning, December 8. The following officers of the G.O. of the Hebrew School were elected: President: David Forsted; 1st Vice President: Elliot Silverman; 2nd Vice President: Barbara Eisenstadt; Secretary: Barry Kaufman.

The second annual Book Fair, sponsored jointly by the PTA and the Hebrew School will be held the week of December 16 through December 22nd.

LEO SHPALL, *Assistant Principal*

## Expression of Thanks

We extend our sincere thanks to our member, Mr. Jack Stang, for contributing leather for the purpose of repairing the couches used in the gymnasium department.

## THE HANUKKAH FESTIVAL

**H**ANUKKAH is one of the two minor festivals, the observance of which is not enjoined in the Pentateuch. It was instituted by the Sages for the purpose of strengthening the Jewish historic consciousness.

Hanukkah commemorates the successful struggle for religious liberty carried on by a small band of Israelites, led by the brave Maccabees, against the vast army of their Syrian oppressors under the leadership of Antiochus, which culminated in the recapture of Jerusalem and the rededication of the Holy Temple (165 BCE).

The celebration of Hanukkah begins on the twenty-fifth day of Kislev (December 18, 1957) the day on which the Temple was consecrated anew to the service of God, and lasts for eight days

because the ceremony of rededication and festivities continued for that length of time.

Light the first candle Tuesday evening, December 17.

One of the household kindles the lights with the Shamas light—one on the first evening, two on the second, etc., until on the eighth night of Hanukkah eight candles are lit. As the lights are lit, the following blessings are sung:

1. *Boruch atoh A-do-noy E-lo-be-nu Me-lech ho-o-lom, Asher kid-d'shonu b'mitsvo-vo-vo v'tsi-vonu L'had-lik ner shel Hanukkah.*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us by Thy commandments and commanded us to kindle the light of Hanukkah.

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## SABBATH WORSHIP

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Kindling of Candles—4:09 P.M.  
Services 4:15 P.M.

## LATE FRIDAY NIGHT

Services—8:30 P.M.

**RABBI KREITMAN**

will speak on

"The Technique of Jewish Survival Reexamined"

The *Oneg Shabbat* will be sponsored by the

**YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE**

## Sabbath Morning Services

December 14, 8:30 A.M.

Sidrah: "Vayeshev"

Genesis: 37.1-40.23

Prophets: Amos 2.6-3.8

**RABBI LEVINTHAL**

will preach

*Class in Talmud led by*

Rabbi Jacob S. Doner—3:15 P.M.

Minha Services—4:15 P.M.

## DAILY SERVICES

*Mornings*

7:00 and 8:00 o'clock

*Sunday Mornings*

8:00 and 8:50 o'clock

The first minyan morning services on Rosh Hodesh are held at 6:45 o'clock.

Mishnah Class conducted by Rabbi Kreitman—10:00 A.M. The Breakfast on December 15 will be sponsored by Mr. Louis Kramer to commemorate his father's Yahrzeit.

## MINHA SERVICES

Week of Dec. 15—4:15 P.M.

Late Maariv Services—7:00 P.M.



# APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following have applied for membership in the Brooklyn Jewish Center:

- ADLER, MISS GLORIA: Res.: 325—8th St.
- BLUMENFELD, NATHAN W.: Married; Res.: 172 Sullivan Pl.; Bus.: Letter Carrier, Bowling Green Post Office; *Proposed by* Joseph Scheinberg.
- BROOKS, MISS CAROL: Res.: 645 East 26th St.; *Proposed by* Irving Gudín, Edna Weiner.
- CHALEMSKI, MORDECAI: Single; Res.: 774 Montgomery St.; *Proposed by* Aaron Gottlieb.
- DAVIS, MISS TERRY: Res.: 1489 East 49th St.; *Proposed by* Irving Gudín, Edna Weiner.
- DAVIS, WILLIAM: Single; Res.: 510 Crown St.; Bus.: Merchandising, Ohrbach's.
- DOMINITZ, MISS FLORENCE: Res.: 4217 16th Ave.
- EFRON, HAROLD: Single; Res.: 311 Alabama Ave.; *Proposed by* Abraham Michelman.
- EPSTEIN, LEONARD: Married; Res.: 706 Newbridge Ave., Westbury; Bus.: Auto Dealer, 532 Bushwick Ave.; *Proposed by* Dr. I. Leslie Epstein.
- FEIN, NATHAN: Single; Res.: 297 Pennsylvania Ave.; Bus. Auditor, N. Y. State Ins. Fund.
- FELDBAUM, JOSEPH H.: Single; Res.: 932 Carroll St.; Bus.: Pharmaceutical Salesman, Endo Labs, Inc.; *Proposed by* Frank, Schaeffer, David Schaeffer.
- FISCHER, LAWRENCE H.: Single; Res.: 170 East 51st St.; Bus.: Sales Engr., Packaging Equip. Co.
- GARTENBERG, CHARLES: Single; Res.: 224 East 37th St.; Bus.: Manager, Bem Wilson & Co.; *Proposed by* Edna Weiner, Al Glickman.
- GERSTEIN, SEYMOUR: Single; Res.: 75 Pineapple St.; Bus.: Civil Engineer.
- GLASER, MISS PHILLIS: Res.: 273 Schaeffer St.; *Proposed by* Abe Goldstein, N. Mattisinko.
- GOLDSMITH, MARVIN L.: Married; Res.: 692 Montgomery St.; Bus.: Civil Engineer, 11 W. 42nd St.
- GOLUB, MISS ROSE: Res.: 1438 Eastern Parkway.
- GUTSTEIN, MISS IRENE: Res.: 9623 Church Ave.; *Proposed by* Edna Weiner.
- HELLER, MISS NORMA: Res.: 448 Georgia Ave.
- KOPPELMAN, MAURICE: Married; Res.: 819 Maple St.; Bus.: Gasoline Service Station, 429 Bushwick Ave.
- KUEHN, MISS FANNIE: Res.: 630 Howard Ave.; *Proposed by* Solomon Glazer.
- LEEDS, HARRY: Single; Res.: 830 E. 57th St.; Bus.: Menswear Designer & Style Consultant.
- LENOBEL, DR. HAROLD M.: Married; Res.: 688 Newbridge Ave., Westbury; Bus.: Dentist, 1245 Eastern Parkway; *Proposed by* Dr. I. Leslie Epstein.
- LEVINE, DR. ROBERT: Married; Res.: 460 Crown St.; Bus.: Dentist, 1054 Eastern Parkway.
- LEVY, MISS MOLLIE: Res.: 2119 73rd St.
- LIPKOWITZ, MILTON: Married; Res.: 366 Pennsylvania Ave.; Bus.: Electrician, Naval Shipyard.
- LONDON, MORTON: Single; Res.: 1443 East 51st St.; Bus.: Advertising, B.B.D.O.; *Proposed by* Irving Walter, Norman Mattisinko.
- MELLIN, JERRY: Single; Res.: 311 Alabama Ave.; Bus.: Shoes, 539 Sutter Ave.
- NEWELT, KARL: Single; Res.: 1035 Union St.; Bus.: Liquor Salesman, 52-05 Flushing Ave.; *Proposed by* Milton H. Kaplan, Norman Mattisinko.
- NUSSBAUM, DAVID: Single; Res.: 322 Rodney St.; Bus.: D. Strauss Co.-Employee; *Proposed by* Elaine Ullman, Michael J. Rosenfeld.
- PHILLIPS, LEO: Married; Res.: 115 Eastern Parkway; Bus.: General Merchandise, 1186 Broadway; *Proposed by* Julius Kushner.
- RAY, MISS PHYLLIS: Res.: 1751 Union St.; *Proposed by* Harold Kalb, Sam Kestin.
- RITHOLZ, MILTON: Single; Res.: 522 Hinsdale St.; Bus.: Salesman, Geo. Woloch Co.; *Proposed by* Aaron Gottlieb, Morton Klinghoffer.
- ROMM, NATHAN: Married; Res.: 960 Sterling Pl.; Bus.: Textiles, 327 Broadway.
- ROSEN, LEONARD: Single; Res.: 1603 President St.; Bus.: Payroll Examiner, Dept. of Labor; *Proposed by* Harold Kalb, Lenora Miles.
- ROTTENSTEIN, JOSEPH: Single; Res.: 1488 Sterling Pl.; Bus.: Physical Therapist; Metropolitan Hospital.
- RUBIN, DANIEL B.: Married; Res.: 751 Kensington Dr., Westbury; Salesman, Metal Findings Corp.; *Proposed by* Dr. I. Leslie Epstein.
- SCHARF, PHIL: Single; Res.: 206 Rogers Ave.; Bus.: Grocery, 227 Rogers Ave.; *Proposed by* Harold Gold.
- SCHOCKETT, BERNARD: Single; Res.: 1035 54th St.; Bus.: Instructor, Brooklyn College; *Proposed by* Harvey S. Barer.
- SCHULMEISTER, HOWARD: Single; Res.: 214 Meserole St.; Bus.: Technical Instructor, Polarad Electronics.
- SCHWARTZ, MISS EVELYN: Res.: 279 Schaeffer St.; *Proposed by* Edna Weiner, Dr. Howard Kahn.
- SCHWARTZ, IRVING: Single; Res.: 889 Montgomery St.; Bus.: Production Foreman, Metal Fabricators; *Proposed by* Anita Schwartz.
- SCHWARTZ, MISS SHIRLEY: Res.: 1098 Lenox Road; *Proposed by* Harold Kalb, Al Glickman.
- SHAW, MISS SANDY: Res.: 573 Wyona St.; *Proposed by* Edna Weiner.
- SILMAN, GEORGE: Married; Res.: 320 Empire Blvd.; Production Control Engr.; Metal Products.
- STERN, MISS GLORIA: Res.: 1163 Sutter Ave.; Norman Mattisinko, Thomas J. Kraner.
- STERN, SAM: Single; Res.: 1559 Lincoln Pl.; Bus.: Sewing Supplies, 6510, 20th Ave.; *Proposed by* Morris Schechter.
- SULTAN, IRVING: Single; Res.: 156 So. 9th St.; Bus.: Salesman, Roberts Paint Corp.; *Proposed by* Harold Kalb, Chas. Gartenberg.
- WILK, TEDDY: Single; Res.: 834 East 57th St.; Bus.: Salesman, Perma Photo Corp.
- WOLINSKY, MISS BETTY: Single; Res.: 1491 St. John Pl.; *Proposed by* Irving Gudín, Al Glickman.
- ZION, MOSES: Married; Res.: 1304 Union St.; Bus.: Engineer, Lionel Corp.

## Membership Applications

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### Reinstatements:

SALLOWAY, RONALD: Single; Res.: 1394 Carroll St.; Bus.: Sales Engr., International Business Machines.

SCHILLER, MISS INA: Res.: 904 Winthrop St.

SERVETAH, FRED: Married; Res.: 97 Brooklyn Ave.; Bus.: Embroideries, 257 W. 38th St.; *Proposed by* Abraham Michelman.

SHOPOFF, FREDERICK: Married; Res.: 571 St. Marks Ave.; Bus.: Consolidated Glass, 542 Herkimer St.

ZELNICK, SEYMOUR: Single; Res.: 2 Pierrepont St.; Bus.: Engineering, Newark, N. J.; *Proposed by* Seymour Berland, Aaron Gottlieb.

JAMES J. JACKMAN, *Chairman*,  
Membership Committee.

### Youth Activities

OUR clubs are completing their Jewish Book Month projects and are now occupied with Hanukkah plans. The U. S. Y. group, which includes all members of our Senior Division, are concluding arrangements for sending delegates to the National U. S. Y. Convention in Chicago on December 26-29. As usual, the Brooklyn Jewish Center will be represented by a large delegation.

### Acknowledgment of Gifts

We acknowledge with grateful thanks receipt of donations for the purchase of Prayer Books and contributions to our library from the following:

#### PRAYER BOOKS

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chasin, in honor of the marriage of their son, Leonard, to Miss Carole Hyman.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Douglas, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Robert Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton H. Epstein, in honor of the birth of their daughter, Suzanne Rae.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Halperin, in honor of their grandson Richard's Bar Mitzvah.

Dr. and Mrs. Irving Scheer, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Samuel.

#### Library Gifts

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blickstein, Mrs. S. Epstein, Mrs. Leo Flieg, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Herschman, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Palevsky, Mr. Abraham E. Ratner,

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARD

IT is a pleasure to report that the Brooklyn Jewish Center has received the Solomon Schechter Award in the category of youth activities in large congregations. This constitutes official recognition by the United Synagogue of America that our youth program is the best among all the large Conservative centers and synagogues in the country.

The formal presentation of the award took place last month at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, on the occasion of the Biennial Convention of the United Synagogue of America. Several hundred lay leaders and rabbis witnessed the ceremony.

We reprint here an excerpt of the letter of notification from the United Synagogue of America:

Dear Dr. Spatt:

"The United Synagogue of America

has observed with much pleasure the fine youth program which your congregation has developed over the course of recent years, and the profound influence which your congregation is exercising over its young people.

"It is my pleasure at this time to advise you that Brooklyn Jewish Center has been selected by the United Synagogue for a Solomon Schechter Award in recognition of the distinguished service which the congregation is rendering to the cause of Judaism by rearing a generation of Jewish young men and women imbued with a love for their tradition and dedicated to lives of service to God and man . . .

EMANUEL GREENBERG,  
*Chairman, Committee on  
Solomon Schechter Awards.*

### A LETTER FROM YOUTH CONGREGATIONS

Dear Member and Parent:

As a member and parent of the Brooklyn Jewish Center, you will be pleased to know that the Junior and Children's Congregations serve the religious needs of your children. These groups meet every Sabbath and Holiday mornings and participate in the traditional Jewish services.

We are proud of our supervisors, Mr. Leo Shpall, for the Junior Congregation (teen-age group), and Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, for the Children's Congregation (children under 12 years old). These teachers are highly qualified to lead and guide your children in the practices and ideals of Judaism. They confer regularly with the Rabbis of our Center and receive direction and inspiration from them.

In addition to the services, Mrs. Zusman has introduced dramatizations of the Torah readings as well as story-telling to make the experience more meaningful to the child. For the older group, Mr. Shpall has enlisted the cooperation of the senior members and Junior Congregation alumni to give talks on some phase of Judaism as related to the weekly portion of the Bible.

The Youth Congregations Committee considers these activities a vital and essential part in the development and

growth of the individual for Jewish living. The regularity by the child will bring him joy and satisfaction and a greater appreciation of his Jewish heritage. We urge you to encourage your boys and girls to become part of our congregations so as to receive the inspiration of *T'filah B'tsibur*.

HARRY GOLDSTEIN, *Chairman*,  
*Youth Congregations Committee*

### Junior League

THERE are two significant innovations in this year's Junior League program. The first is the inclusion of a series on the Talmud, and the second is the regular appearance of a newspaper.

The Talmud series calls for consideration of the ethics, law and religious beliefs in the Oral Law. Early this month, Dr. Abraham P. Bloch, rabbi of Temple Petach Tikvah, spoke and presided at a session devoted to Talmudic law.

A monthly newspaper several pages in length has been appearing regularly this season. A special feature is a column on life in Israel by Sanford Feit, who spent a year there as the winner of a scholarship by the Jewish Agency.

The Junior League will sponsor the traditional symposium at the annual Homecoming Service on Friday evening, December 27. Members of the group will speak from the pulpit and lead the congregation in the services.



# PAGING SISTERHOOD!

MRS. JOYCE KREITMAN, Editor

*On Tuesday evening, December 17th, the 24th day of Kislev, we kindle the first Hanukkah light on our Menorah. Hanukkah is not — as is often supposed — a Festival of Independence; it is a Festival of Dedication. What it asserts is not the right of every man to "be himself," and to do as he pleases, but to be a servant of God. When we read the Hanukkah story to our children, it is this commitment to God which should be emphasized.*

*Because of the bravery and moral stamina of the Maccabees, this festival commemorates one of the most unequal struggles and brilliant victories in the history of the Jewish people. These brave men and women were not fighting a war of revenge or self defense. They were fighting for their Faith, for their integrity as a people.*

*When we place our Hanukkah lamp in our window and recite the blessings over the lighted candles, let us pray that we too will keep flame the spirit of dedication to God.*

*A happy Hanukkah to all.*

MOLLY MARKOWE, President.

## Our Minutes Together

The fall season of the Sisterhood officially commenced on Monday night, September 23, 1957. Mrs. Benjamin Markowe, President of Sisterhood, welcomed the members after the summer recess and announced the varied activities planned by this organization for the months ahead. She promised a stimulating, educational and interesting year to all who attend our meetings.

Our new program chairman, Mrs. Sylvia Horowitz, composed original couplets for her introduction of the participants in the program. Rabbi Levinthal, in his New Year's greetings, praised Sisterhood for their past service to the center and to the community. He prayed for the continued dedication and devotion of this organization to the ideals of Judaism. Mr. Harry Blickstein, our ra-

conteur, entertained the audience with his wit and his dramatization of humorous Jewish stories. Mrs. Jacqueline Berman, accompanying herself on the guitar, sang many favorite tunes and encouraged the group to join her in the choruses.

We are grateful to Mrs. Maurice Bernhardt for her piano accompaniment of the anthems; to Mrs. William Sauler for her delivery of the invocation; and to Mrs. Charles Marks and her hostesses for the tempting refreshments at the conclusion of the evening.

A dessert-luncheon for new members was held on Monday afternoon, October 21. Mrs. Benjamin Markowe cordially received the new and also the familiar people present. She extended her gratitude to the Sisterhood women who had prepared delicious tea-sandwiches for this event.

The meaning and significance of the story of Creation was discussed by Mrs. Benjamin Kreitman. Midrashic interpretations of Bereshit were related.

Mrs. Ann Gelfand, a member of the league of women voters, utilized a flannel board and paper dolls to explain the organization of our civic government. Our thanks to Edna Krinsky for her keyboard accompaniment of the anthems and to Sarah Kushner for her inspiring prayer.

## Annual Sisterhood Luncheon

The Annual Sisterhood Luncheon, formerly known as the Mother-Daughter Luncheon, was held on Wednesday, October 30. Rabbi Levinthal offered an eloquent prayer and Mrs. Benjamin Markowe said she was delighted to see many guests, who had moved from our neighborhood to other parts of the city, reunited at this function. Our president also thanked Mrs. Bernard Mattikow, chairman; Mrs. Anne Black and Mrs. Samuel Seckler, co-chairman for their efforts on behalf of this event. Mrs. Bernard Mattikow next spoke, stressing the importance and true meaning of the word "togetherness." In his address, Rabbi Kreitman reminded the women that the synagogue and Sisterhood de-

serve our prime support. If not for the synagogue, encouraging charity and service to our fellow-Jews, the many Jewish organizations would never have arisen.

The audience witnessed a showing of Suzy Perette and Gigi Young dresses modeled by our own Center women. Marion Brown, Ethel Dan, her daughter Naomi, Judy Fenichel, Joyce Kreitman, Helene Lowenfeld, and Laura Rubin displayed the fall line created by these two top fashion houses, and Mrs. Anne Black provided the viewers with descriptions and comments.

## Say It With Cheer Fund

The next time you want to extend your best wishes to another or to mark an occasion in your own life, why not "Say It with Cheer Fund"? Costing just a few more pennies than a greeting card, your contribution to this fund enables the Sisterhood to continue its many charitable functions. A printed informal is mailed by the Sisterhood chairman of this committee, Mrs. Fannie Buchman, to your friend announcing your donation noting an event in his or her life. A Cheer Fund card means much more than a greeting card to the recipient and your money goes to a worth-while cause. Instead of purchasing birthday, anniversary, condolence, etc. cards, contact Mrs. Fannie Buchman, 563 Eastern Parkway and "buy" a Cheer Fund message. Our chairman reports the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green rejoiced in the marriage of their daughter. A gift was received from Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Seckler on the occasion of their daughter's wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Isador Lowenfeld gave us a donation in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

A speedy and complete recovery to Doris Mattikow's mother was expressed by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Markowe.

Our Cantor, William Sauler, recuperating from surgery was wished a refuah shalemah by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blickstein, Mrs. Fannie Buchman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gutchman, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kushner, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Levitt, Mr. and Mrs. Isador Lowenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schaeffer, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Soloway.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blickstein, Mrs. Fannie Buchman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Freedman, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Levitt, Mr. and Mrs. Isador Lowenfeld and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Markowe prayed that Mrs. Moses Spatt will regain her strength very soon.

Sympathies to Mrs. Aaron on the loss of her sister from Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Meyer; Mrs. Rose Bromberg received condolences on the demise of her beloved father from Mrs. Fannie Buchman, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kushner, Mr. and Mrs. Isador Lowenfeld, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Soloway.

In memory of Sarah Kushner's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Freedman, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kushner and Mr. and Mrs. William Rothstein were generous to us. A loving tribute to her sister, Mrs. Isaac Levingson, was offered by Mrs. Herman Pashenz.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Berlowitz, Mrs. Rose Meislin and Mr. and Mrs. William Rothstein memorialized Dr. Fred Zimmerman.

A present was received from Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Freedman in remembrance of Mr. Tobias Zwerling.

Mrs. Rose Bromberg, Mr. and Mrs. Isador Lowenfeld, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Soloway expressed their heartiest felicitations to Mrs. Fannie Buchman on the arrival of her grandchild and on the commencement of her son's internship at Bellevue Hospital.

Best wishes to Mr. Lawrence Meyer on his election to the Masonic office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth District of Manhattan from his wife, Mollie Meyers, and from Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kushner.

Mr. Irvin I. Rubin, a new trustee of the Brooklyn Jewish Center, was welcomed to his office on the board by Mr. and Mrs. Isador Lowenfeld and by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Markowe.

Mrs. Anna Schorr shared her nachas from her grandchildren with us.

Mrs. Irene Ginsberg added to our fund and expressed the hope that Sisterhood will always be able to give a helping hand to the needy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Freedman expressed their happiness on the occasion of the birth of their granddaughter, Caryl Freedman. Dr. and Mrs. Henry Sandler shared with us their joy over the

arrival of their first grandchild, Bernard Alan. Mrs. Dworkin celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Bobby Lee Rosenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bady, Mrs. Fannie Buchman, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Markowe congratulated Florence Bady and Mr. Benjamin Tenzer on their marriage.

#### "Saying When"

Jewish Book Month is being observed till December 15. Mrs. Isador Lowen-

#### Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes are extended to:

Mrs. David Halpern of 200 No. Village Avenue, Rockville Center, L. I., on the birth of a son, David, to her children Mr. and Mrs. Ira Halpern on November 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Gribetz of 50 Plaza Street on the birth of a son, David

feld will be glad to help you with your purchase and selection of adult and children's books from the Center Gift Shop. Proceeds go to Sisterhood.

#### NOTE!

Sunday, December 15—Center Dinner-Dance.

Tuesday, December 17—First Night of Hanukkah.

Wednesday, December 18—12 noon, Regular Meeting, Hanukkah Program.

G., to their children Mr. and Mrs. I. Leo Glasser on November 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Isador Lowenfeld of 258 Sullivan Place on the engagement of their son, Mortimer P., to Miss Charlotte Kabot.

Mrs. Kalman Rebhun of 1921 Bay Avenue on the birth of a son, Carl Eugene, to her children Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Kass on November 24.

## GOLDEN AGE CLUB

THE members of the Golden Age Club have shown in this, their second year of organization, a still greater interest and pride in their meetings. Because of the fine and foresighted leadership of Mr. J. L. Horowitz, President, many new ideas and programs have been introduced. Mrs. Berman, recording secretary, informs the members with her well written minutes, and Mrs. Goldman, our Hostess Chairman, makes herself indispensable in many other needed capacities. There are many others who serve the club in many ways and can always be relied upon to help.

Each month the group celebrates a member's birthday with a cake. A special celebration was held for Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rottenberg, honoring Mr. Rottenberg, first president of the Center, on his 85th birthday. Mr. Rottenberg also offered some very good suggestions on how to stay young and happy in spirit.

A very lovely Bon Voyage party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg, who left for a trip to Israel. Mr. Rosenberg is treasurer of the club.

The club, from time to time, schedules trips to points of interest. A delightful trip was a visit to the Jewish Museum by chartered bus. Another trip was to the City-wide Senior Citizens Conference at Hunter College.

Our roster of membership is growing constantly. All senior citizens of the community are welcome to our meetings, held every Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Center. We know all will be privileged by a widening of their horizons, and will also enjoy delicious refreshments.

MRS. JOSEPH J. KRIMSKY,  
*Sisterhood Advisor*



# ANNUAL REPORT OF P.T.A.—1957

By MRS. HERMAN SOLOWAY, President

It is with a feeling of pride and accomplishment that I present this report of our activities of the past year. I sincerely believe that our program, designed and geared to stimulate the involvement of the parent and home with the child's Hebrew schooling and education, has been, on the whole, successful and I therefore feel justified in saying to you that you may be proud of a job well done.

At this point I wish to express my deep appreciation to the members of our Executive Board for their untiring efforts.

In the Hebrew School the grade conferences began on November 13th and were spread over a period of several weeks for obvious reasons. They were well and enthusiastically attended and brought gratifying results. On Saturday, November 10th our Synagogue was the scene of the inspiring and impressive Hagigat Bereshit ceremony in which the boys and girls embarking on the study of *Chumash* was presented by our principal, Rabbi Lewittes, to Rabbi Levinthal.

Similarly, on February 20th, the Bet Hamidresh was the scene of the Hagigat Siddur ceremony at which Siddurim were presented to the first graders beginning the study of Siddur. The P.T.A. helped sweeten the occasion with a bag of goodies for each child.

Tu B'Shvat, the Jewish Arbor Day, was celebrated in the Hebrew School this year on January 16, 17 and 20. The P.T.A. presents each child with a bag of symbolic fruits. A committee of mothers filled 600 such bags. Outside of Israel Arbor Day is utilized to stimulate interest in the Jewish National Fund and I am sure you will be gratified to learn, as I was, that during the past year our children collected \$1,500.00 for the Fund.

On the afternoon of April 10th your P.T.A. was host to about 400 of our children at a Model Seder. The Youth Congregations Committee of this Center, of which Mr. Harry Goldstein is chairman, sponsored an *Oneg Shabat* for the Junior Congregation on November 17th and one for the Children's Congregation on November 24th.

We also acted as host at the *Oneg Shabat* on Friday evening, April 5th, following the Post Bar Mitzvah service in the Synagogue.

The Mother's Day Service of May 11th held by the Junior and Children's Congregations saw your P.T.A. mothers as active participants.

This past year the Bat Mitzvah ceremony, which was introduced in our Synagogue only the year before, was celebrated five times. The young ladies involved were the Misses Beryl Klinghoffer, Susan Arnold, Carol Stoleroff, Nancy Markowe and Marilyn Thaler.

Our Cheer Fund, inaugurated last year, which consists of donations from our members not exceeding \$1.00 for one Simchah, was the source of funds for Hanukkah and Purim gifts to our Hebrew School and gifts to Rabbi and Mrs. Kreitman in honor of their marriage and to Mr. Samuel Edelheit on his retirement from the Faculty of the Hebrew School. I want to thank our Cheer Fund Chairman, Mrs. Edna Krimsky, for her fine work.

I wish to express my deep appreciation to my three predecessor presidents, Mrs. Fanny Buchman, Mrs. Sarah Kushner and Mrs. Sarah Epstein, for their continued active participation in our work and their advice and assistance to me personally; to my fellow officers, the vice-presidents, Mrs. Sylvia Moskowitz, Mrs. Luba Aminoff and Mrs. Esther Crawford, the treasurer, Mrs. Faye Gutchman, the recording secretary, Mrs. Jennie Glass, and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alice Kolton, as well as all the members of our Executive Board for their untiring efforts and most able assistance in all our endeavors; to Mrs. Ida Rabinowitz, the Registrar of our Hebrew School, who is always ready to offer her assistance in the multitude of chores required in the organization's business; to the members of the Hebrew School Faculty, whose cooperative understanding of our aims and purposes is always a source of encouragement; to Rabbi Lewittes, whose advice and assistance have always been indispensable and who has always inspired me personally as well as all our officers to

give of our best; to Cantor William Sauler for his readiness and generosity when called upon; to Mr. Harold Kushner, leader to the Junior Congregation, and Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, leader of the Children's Congregation, and to Mr. Marvin Antosofsky, music teacher on our faculty, for their inspired and devoted services; to Mr. David Gold, our Executive Director, whose cooperation and assistance have always eased the burden of the physical preparation for our open and executive meetings and to his assistant, Mr. Stanley Levy, for his help; and finally to the clerical and maintenance staffs of the Center who have always been most helpful.

If this year has been a successful one, as we believe it has, *Im Mirze Hashem*, may next year be even more so.

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## The Sweet Sixteen

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the parlor, surprisingly cheerful about the whole business, but keeping a firm grip on me lest I break my promise to behave. She watched a boy do an imitation of Rudolph Valentino as the "Sheik," and Lon Chaney as the "Hunchback"—and she actually laughed.

At last one of the boys held up a milk bottle with many sly jests and guarded nods in my mother's direction, he began to explain a game which he said he had invented, a game called "Spin the Bottle" and which—here he lowered his tone—involved an exercise known as kissing. Mother looked slowly around at the familiar faces of the boys and girls. She knew them, she knew their fathers and mothers and the towns they had come from in the Old Country.

Suddenly mother took my hand and said, "Come, my son, we'll go for a walk in the park. It's hot here."

As we walked out, I saw the anxious lines on my mother's pallid face. "Won't it be hot in the park too?" I asked naively.

My mother did not answer, but she smiled faintly. For no reason I knew, I felt wonderfully close to her at that moment. If it weren't such a sissyish thing to do, I would have reached up and kissed her cheek right there.

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The following is a list of the 1957 sustaining members of the Brooklyn Jewish Center. We are thankful to them for their fine spirit of cooperation and loyalty in voluntarily paying the higher rate of membership.

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# ANNUAL REPORT ON THE BROOKLYN JEWISH CENTER FOR 1957

By the PRESIDENT, DR. MOSES SPATT

I AM happy to extend to you a cordial welcome on this, the 39th annual meeting of our Brooklyn Jewish Center. This is the fifth time that I have had the pleasure and privilege of addressing the membership and reporting on the progress and activities of our great institution.

The past year has been a successful, but trying year; successful, as to the results of our Day-to-day activities; trying, from the point of view of the center finances. It is therefore fitting that we pause and evaluate our accomplishments of the past year and review our general situation and attempt to solve some of our complex problems.

The yearly deficits at the center are steadily increasing and rapidly depleting our relatively small reserve funds. Our deficit for the fiscal year of July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957 was \$59,476.00. Part of this was eliminated by means of the 1956 Kol Nidre appeal, which netted the sum of \$14,850.00. The journal-dinner-dance produced a net of \$17,429.00 and the bazaar \$8,575.00. This left a deficit of \$18,802.00.

The progressive lessening of income from the catering department has aggravated the situation considerably.

It is simple arithmetic to realize that the continuation of such deficits would make it impossible for the center to function effectively and would require drastic reductions in our activities.

The elimination of such deficits would be effectuated by increased membership, a successful Kol Nidre appeal, and a successful journal-dinner-dance.

## KOL NIDRE APPEAL

It is heartening to report that the 1957 Kol Nidre appeal brought in about \$25,000.00. I call to your attention the dignified manner in which our Kol Nidre appeal was made this year, and I wish to thank Harry Leventhal, the chairman, Emanuel Cohen, vice-chairman, and the committee for their efforts. Once again, I urge all members present who have not yet contributed to the Kol Nidre appeal to please do so. We would also be grate-

ful if those who have contributed would increase their contributions.

## JOURNAL-DINNER-DANCE

As to the Journal-Dinner-Dance, it appears a "must" that we have a successful affair. This year, it will take place on December 15th. I once again urgently recommend that you give the committee chairman, Judge Murray Feiden, and his committee, your full-hearted cooperation.

## MEMBERSHIP

You are no doubt familiar with the membership drive being conducted by the membership committee under the able chairmanship of James Jackman. I can report because of this drive, the loss due to resignations has been offset by the gain in membership. However, it becomes absolutely necessary for us to enroll at least 250 members, with emphasis on family membership. This is not an impossible goal. The attendance at the high holy days services was proof that the many who came to them are potential prospects for membership. However, the membership enrollment is not especially limited to the efforts of the membership committee alone. All of our members should make every effort to enroll as many of their friends as possible, and once again, at the risk of repetition, I must call to your attention, the fact that membership can only be obtained by personal contact.

It is desirable that the nation-wide importance of our institution should be stressed in our attempts to obtain membership. Our activities now encompass various tasks that should have been absorbed by other community organizations and institutions. However, we did accept these obligations in the spirit of obtaining your full cooperation. Once again, I hope that the ensuing year of our Jewish calendar, 5718, will be a fruitful one, and that our membership will again exceed the 2000 mark.

## CENTER ACTIVITIES

In speaking of the many activities conducted by our Center, it would in-

deed be boring on my part to go into extreme detail. I might reiterate that our activities are increasing from year to year. Our religious services continue to attract large numbers of worshippers, members and non-members alike. The high standard of these services has brought an excellent reputation to our synagogue. Sermons delivered by our distinguished Dr. Levinthal and Dr. Kreitman are noted for their exceptional high standards as indicated by the many requests for reprints.

Our High Holy Day Services for the past year were outstanding, our cantor, William Sauler, and the choir have greatly enhanced our services, and are in a great measure responsible for the excellent results.

The ritual and religious services committee under the chairmanship of Jack Sterman has devoted much time to maintain these high standards and the atmosphere of dignity and reverence in keeping with the Center tradition. This year, the results were enhanced by the efforts of Mr. Slepian, whose services were highly commendable.

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The educational activities of the Center can be divided into seven categories, namely: The Hebrew School, The Institute for Jewish Studies for Adults, The Lecture Forum, The Library, The Center Publications, The Junior and Children's Congregations and The Youth Groups.

The Hebrew School, which include the daily as well as Sunday School, has reached the record enrollment of  
367 Children in the Hebrew School  
168 Children in the Sunday School  
23 Children in the High School  
558 Children—Total Enrollment.

Thus, 558 children are receiving their Jewish education in the Center. Mr. Julius Kushner, the chairman of the Hebrew Education Committee gave unstintingly of his time in supervising these activities.

The Parent Teachers Association of the school is rendering outstanding ser-

vice under the able leadership of Mrs. Herman Soloway.

For the past 20 years, Rabbi Lewittes has been a dedicated principal of the Hebrew School, for which we are grateful. However, this year, he has assumed a part-time arrangement, delegating some of his responsibilities to Mr. Leo Shpall. We note with interest the assumption of these duties by Mr. Shpall in a very efficient manner.

#### INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH STUDIES FOR ADULTS

Our institute for Jewish studies for Adults has achieved increased registration and therefore has expanded its activities. A great degree of its success is due to its chairman, Dr. Reuben Finkelstein, and the expert guidance of Dr. Kreitman and a competent faculty.

#### LECTURE FORUM

The Center forum is sponsoring a number of fine lectures for the membership and the community at large, featuring outstanding speakers and round-table discussions. For this, we are indebted to the secretary of our center, Mr. Harry Blickstein.

#### LIBRARY

Our library is performing an important service both to our schools, to our members and to the community. We are cognizant of the services of Dr. Elias Rabinowitz, our librarian, and the library committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Reuben Finkelstein. We invite each of you to make use of its facilities.

#### CENTER PUBLICATIONS

The Center Review shall have four holiday issues this year, namely: the New Year issue, Hanukkah issue, Passover issue and the Shevuoth issue, and shall continue its interesting and educational articles. Many prominent leaders in Jewish communities here and abroad have requested copies of our REVIEW. You have no doubt noticed that the bulletin has been completely reorganized because of the able services of Mr. Max Herzfeld, in conjunction with Louis Kramer, chairman of the bulletin committee. Our special thanks to the editorial board, namely: Mr. Louis Gribetz, chairman, and Mr. William I. Siegel, vice-chairman.

#### JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Our junior congregation meets for worship each sabbath and holiday. The

services are led almost entirely by students under the guidance of the junior congregation committee, whose chairman is Mr. Harry Goldstein. Mr. Leo Shpall has assumed the additional responsibility of effectuating dignified services.

#### CHILDREN'S CONGREGATION

Mrs. Evelyn Zusman is in charge of the Children's Congregation, whose services are conducted each week in the auditorium.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

One of the important activities conducted by our Center is our department of youth activities. We have had unusual success in catering to the various youth groups and have enrolled approximately 450 children. The success of this department is due greatly to the efforts of Mr. Irvin I. Rubin, chairman of the youth activities committee, and Mr. Hyman Brickman, director of youth activities.

#### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The social committee under the chairmanship of Ira I. Gluckstein, after careful consideration has decided to have periodic social get-togethers, and with the help of the Sisterhood, the Men's Club, the Golden Age Group, and other Center Groups will be responsible for the social obligations of the Center in their respective fields.

#### PHYSICAL TRAINING DEPT.

Our physical training department has been rendering a fine service to our members under the guidance of Mr. Israel Kaplan, chairman of the committee.

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE

The excellent physical condition of the Center is due to a great extent to the services rendered by the house committee. This activity requires a great deal of sacrifice in both time and effort, and I therefore heartily congratulate Mr. Aaron Gottlieb, the chairman of the committee.

#### SISTERHOOD

Our Sisterhood is noted for the high standards of its programs and activities. Our women perform excellent services not only to our institution, but also to the community and all Jewish causes. The reputation of our Center has been enhanced because of the Sisterhood, under the leadership of its president, Mrs.

Benjamin Markowe. I call to your attention the excellent services received from the Sisterhood toward the success of the recent bazaar. Our special thanks to Mrs. Maurice Bernhardt for her services to us in that connection.

#### YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

Our Young Folks League has continued its interest in our Center and has assumed greater responsibility towards our activities. While somewhat lessened in numbers, the league has not diminished any of its important activities. We are especially grateful to its president, Sam Kestin, and its officers and board members.

#### MR. AND MRS. GROUP

The interests of the Young Married Group are carefully nurtured by Mr. Monroe Berger, its president, the officers, and a loyal and devoted membership.

The Young Folks League and the Young Married Group are our reservoir for future communal leadership. Many of the membership of these two groups are serving on our governing board.

#### GOLDEN AGE GROUP

Mr. J. L. Horowitz is the President of the Golden Age Group, which meets the social needs of the older members of the Center and the Community. They meet every Wednesday.

#### MEN'S CLUB

The Newest Group of the Center is the Men's Club. From their activities since its inception we may anticipate many useful and successful accomplishments. At their last meeting, they established a separate dues requirement of \$5.00 from their respective membership. All male Center members are eligible, and I urge that they support this new and vital organization. We wish to thank Mr. Theodore D. Ostrow, its President, and the board of officers for their efforts in launching this new enterprise.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Ours has been for many years an excellent record of service to the American Jewish Community. We have given leadership on a national scale to all Jewish Causes, and our membership has always actively participated in the many fund-raising activities. Separate drives



and other events are held annually by the Center on behalf of the major campaigns.

The sisterhood and our young folks league also arrange separate functions for these drives. The U J A Campaign was chairmanned by Stanley Steingut and was highlighted by a Center Dinner. The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies celebrated its Center dinner on November 14th, and the guest of honor was our own trustee, Mr. Nathan D. Shapiro. The Chairman of the Dinner Committee was Mr. Theodore D. Ostrow. The Israel Bond Dinner will take place in March of 1958. Our first Vice-President, Maurice Bernhardt is to be the guest of honor. The interests of the Jewish Theological Seminary will be under the supervision of the newly established Seminary Standing Committee under the guidance of Benjamin Markowe. The Jewish National Fund received approximately \$2,300 from our Center through the sale of J N F trees and from the sale of high holy day tickets, on which a tax is levied in behalf of this traditional fund.

The success of our Center services to the community, however, goes far beyond the participation in fund-raising activities. Our Hebrew schools and youth activities program takes care of the needs of hundreds of youngsters in the neighborhood, many of whom are accepted on a partial scholarship basis. Meeting rooms are provided by the Center for many communal and national organizations, some at a very nominal charge, and some gratis. This service is being continued at an ever increasing rate, though this has placed a burden on our facilities.

Before concluding my report, I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all who have labored in conducting the daily affairs of the Center, and I wish to extend by whole-hearted thanks to my fellow-officers, Maurice Bernhardt, First Vice-President; Frank Schaeffer, Second Vice-President; Fred Kronish, Treasurer, and Harry Blickstein, Secretary.

My especial thanks to the Honorary Presidents of this Institution, namely: Mr. Samuel Rottenberg, whose help throughout the year was of inestimable value, and to Mr. Isidor Fine and Judge Emanuel Greenberg, whose guidance and

counsel I found extremely comforting and helpful.

I wish to express my gratitude to the members of the Board of Trustees, the Governing Board, the chairman and members of the various Committees, the officers and Board members of the Sisterhood, the Mr. and Mrs. Club, the Young Folks League, the Men's Club and the Golden Age Club.

We are sincerely grateful to our spiritual leader, Dr. Israel H. Leventhal, for his wise counsel, guidance and inspiration. Rare indeed is the institution which has been blessed with such leadership. Our sincere thanks are extended to Dr. Benjamin Kreitman for the cooperation he has given to Dr. Leventhal and our institution, and for the splendid progress made by all departments under his direct supervision, with especial emphasis on his successful efforts in organizing a Sunday morning mishnah class.

I am deeply grateful for the fine cooperation which the Center has received from Rabbi Jacob S. Doner in conducting the Saturday morning class in Talmud. Our thanks to Dr. Elias H. Rabinowitz, our librarian, and Rev. William Sauler, our cantor. Cantor Sauler is presently recovering from surgery, and it is our sincere prayer that he shall have a speedy and full recovery so that he can continue to serve us with the same zeal and sincere effort as he has done in the past.

Our thanks to Mr. Sholom Secunda, our music director, and Rev. Meyer Rogoff, our sexton. My especial thanks

to Mr. Edward Isaacs, the chairman of the Budget Committee, who has labored so arduously in bringing to our attention, the possible solutions of the finance problems, and for his fine efforts in his recent report to the Board of Trustees.

My thanks are extended to Morton Klinghoffer and his Committee for its fine efforts in contacting members who normally might have resigned from the Center. My especial thanks to Mr. David M. Gold, our executive director, who has ably assumed the many administrative duties and responsibilities of that office. The officers are at present in the process of employing an associate to Mr. Gold, to coordinate the various departments, and to act as assistant to the executive director. My thanks are extended to the staff assisting Mr. Gold in the various capacities.

In conclusion, and with your kind permission, I should like to reiterate the concluding paragraph of my few remarks to you on the day of atonement, namely, that we pledge ourselves to be ever aware of the many requirements of the community, that we shall not lessen our zeal to satisfy these requirements, and that we shall continue to serve Jewry with your aid, encouragement and devotion, we shall look forward with renewed confidence and enthusiasm towards the goal for which this Center has been built.

May God Bless the members of our Congregation. Our people, our glorious country, America, and the State of Israel.

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### Golden Age Hanukkah Party

A gala Hanukkah Party is planned for our Golden Age Group on Monday evening, December 23 at 8:00 P.M. A very fine program is planned including entertainment in keeping with the festival of Hanukkah; traditional refreshments will be served. This promises to be a Hanukkah party well remembered. Contribution—\$1.00.

### Condolences

We extend our most heartfelt condolences to Dr. Reuben Finkelstein of 576

Eastern Parkway and Mrs. William Greenberg of 789 St. Marks Avenue on the demise of their beloved sister, Mrs. Fannie Wiedman on December 3.

### In Memoriam

We announce with deep regret the passing of one of our earliest members

#### **Mrs. Mary Duherstein**

of 406 Crown Street on November 29, 1957.

The Brooklyn Jewish Center extends its most heartfelt condolences to the family and relatives in their bereavement.

# KOL NIDRE DONORS FOR 1957

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Beldock, Hon. Geo.	\$100	Finkelstein, Dr. Reuben	\$25	Halperin, Nathan	\$18	Kushner, Julius	\$300
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						Zechnowitz, Jacob	\$25
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2. *Boruch Atob A-do-noy E-lo-be-nu  
Me-lech bo-o-lom She-o-sob nissim la-  
avo-se-nu bay-yomim bo-baim baz-z'man  
ba-zeb.*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God,  
Ruler of the Universe, who wroughtest  
miracles for our fathers in days of old,  
and at this season.

3. The following is said only on the first  
evening:

*Bo-ruch atob A-do-noy, E-lo-be-nu  
M-lech bo-o-lom She-bech'yo-nu, v'k-y'  
mo-nu v'big-gi-o-nu la-z'man baz-zeb.*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God,  
Ruler of the Universe, who has kept us  
in life and has preserved us, and enabled  
us to reach this season.

### Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, let our song  
Praise Thy saving power;  
Thou, amidst the raging foes,  
Wast our shelt'ring tower.  
Furious, they assailed us,  
But Thine arm availed us,  
And Thy word  
Broke their sword  
When our own strength failed us.  
Children of the martyr-race,  
Whether free or fettered,  
Wake the echoes of the songs  
Where ye may be scattered.  
Yours the message cheering  
That the time is nearing  
Which will see  
All men free,  
Tyrants disappearing.

## YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

**T**HE Young Folk League's Yom Kippur  
Night Dance was a great social and  
financial success. Of the \$1800 netted,  
\$1400 was contributed to the Center and  
the balance, as is customary, was divided  
amongst the United Jewish Appeal,  
Federation, Red Mogen David, the Can-  
tor Fund, Red Cross, etc. I want to  
express my sincere appreciation to the  
Dance Committee for an excellent job  
done.

I regret to advise our members of the  
resignations from our Executive Com-  
mittee of Barbara Mazel, Al Grober and  
Arthur Vidars, due to the press of other  
matters. Executive Committee meetings  
are held on the last Thursday evening of  
each month and all members of the YFL  
are invited to attend in order to express  
their ideas and opinions.

It is a pleasure to report that our  
Cocktail Party for prospective members

was very successful and to date approxi-  
mately twelve members have joined the  
Center as a result.

Our interest groups have now begun  
to function. The Bowling Group meets  
every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., at  
Kingsway Bowling, Clarkson and New  
York Avenues. We bowl and socialize  
during the afternoon and evening. The  
Dramatic Group is now planning for a  
future presentation. Budding actors and  
actresses are asked to see Lila Picken. If  
you can sing, dance or otherwise enter-  
tain, please see Herb Kaplan or Bernice  
Gross for an audition. If you have ideas  
or suggestions for our programming  
plans, please convey them to Elliot  
Lewis, Chairman of the Program Com-  
mittee.

We urge all of our members to arrive  
at an early hour for our meetings.

SAM KESTIN, *President*

### New Book by Rabbi Lewittes

"Highlights of Jewish History: From  
the Middle Ages to Modern Times", a  
new book by Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewit-  
tes, has just been published by the  
Hebrew Publishing Company. This is  
the fourth and final volume in the  
"Heroes and Highlights" history series  
by Rabbi Lewittes. Other publications  
by Rabbi Lewittes are "Modern Hebrew",  
"Students Bible", and "Select Readings  
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